

Carroll County Economic Profile

Carroll County, Georgia

Facts At A Glance

Population:	91, 956 (2001)
Location:	49 miles to downtown Atlanta (from county seat) 50 minute drive to Hartsfield International Airport
County Seat:	Carrollton
Labor:	Carroll County Workforce – 47, 534 Unemployment rate – 5.6% (April 2003)
Transportation:	Interstate 20 (E-W) US 27 (N-S) West Georgia Regional Airport Norfolk Southern Railroad
Industrial Wage Rates:	Average hourly starting rate - \$8.02(unskilled) Average hourly wage rate - \$9.56(unskilled)
Training Programs:	State of Georgia Quick Start coordinated locally by West Central Technical College
Cost of Living:	Approximately 93% of US average
Educational Resources:	State University of West Georgia West Central Technical College City School System County School System Four private schools
Liveability:	220 bed regional medical center Libraries John Tanner State Park Shopping centers/ downtown districts City/County parks Easy accessibility to Atlanta Golf courses/country clubs Performing Arts Center

Location

Carroll County is located in the west central section of Georgia on the Georgia-Alabama State line. Carroll County is approximately 85 miles north of Columbus, 95 miles south of Chattanooga, Tennessee, 100 miles east of Birmingham, Alabama, and 30-45 miles west of Atlanta, Georgia.

Land Area

Total Acreage	321,313
Total Square Miles	502
Population Density	142
Altitude Range	850-1500 ft.
Average Elevation	950 ft.
Terrain	Gentle rolling hills

History

Carroll County was organized in 1826 from lands acquired by a treaty signed with the Cherokee and Creek Indian Nations. The signing of the Indian Spring Treaty resulted in the murder of Creek Chief William McIntosh, the son of a Scotsman and a full-blood Creek woman, who owned a vast plantation along the Chattahoochee River in southeast Carroll, now known as McIntosh Reserve.

Carroll County was named for Charles Carroll, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Settlers were drawn to the area by the prospects of good farming due to the rich soil. Others came looking for the once abundant amount of gold in the northern part of the county.

In 1850 the total population in Carroll was 9,357. The county seat was located at what was known as "Old Carrollton," near the Sandhill community, and in 1930 was moved to the present location and named "Carrollton," incorporated in 1856.

Climate

	<u>January</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Annual Average</u>
Temperature	43.6	78.6	62.2
Rainfall	5.3"	4.67"	51.7"

Livability

Libraries

Carroll County is part of the five-county West Georgia Regional System. The three county branches include Neva Lomason Memorial Library in Carrollton, Bowdon Public Library and Villa Rica Public Library, housing over 325,000 books, 160 subscriptions and 4,000 video cassettes. The Neva Lomason Library also houses a personal computer for public use. The Carrollton branch boasts an annual Juried Art Contest held in the Bess Williamson Culture Arts Center in cooperation with West Georgia Recreation Department.

Housing

There is a surplus of housing units both for sale and for rent throughout Carroll County. Prices and types run from basic "starter" homes to elaborate and upscale.

Public housing projects in Carroll County contain 598 units. These units are operated under guidelines of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Total Housing Units in Carroll County - 27,736

Banks

BB&T	Hometown Bank
Bank of America	McIntosh Bank
Citizens Bank & Trust	Regions Bank
Community Bank of West Georgia	Southtrust Bank
Colonial Bank	SunTrust Bank
First National Bank of West Georgia	United Community Bank
	West Georgia National Bank

Shopping

Carrollton serves as the economic retail base for the surrounding counties and the bordering Alabama counties. Several conveniently located shopping areas offer a wide variety of goods and services. The downtown business districts of Carrollton, Bowdon and Villa Rica continue revitalization efforts with street-scapes, parking additions and facade improvements. Carrollton is a main street community and all three cities have active merchant's associations. Temple and Whitesburg also have commercial shopping districts. The cities of Mt. Zion and Roopville provide limited shopping primarily for local residents.

Entertainment

There are eight movie theaters in Carrollton. Carrollton also has a Community Theater. Attractions include the Carroll County Fairgrounds, State University of West Georgia, as well as local arts and craft shows, rodeos and several golf courses offer residents and visitors a variety of activities.

Churches

All principal denominations are located in Carroll County: Baptist, Catholic, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Congregational, Christian, Holiness, Mormon, Lutheran, Assembly of God, Pentecostal, Church of Christ, Church of God, Seventh Day Adventist, Jehovah's Witness, Apostolic, Interdenominational and Non-denominational. The nearest Jewish synagogue is in Atlanta.

Business, Civic, Fraternal & Other Organizations

American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Boy Scouts, Business and Professional Women's Club, Carrollton-Carroll League of Women Voters, Cattlemen's Association Cowbell's, Civitan Club, Council on Aging, DAR, Future Farmers of America, Future Homemakers of America, 4-H, Girl Scouts, Junior Women's Club, Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, Masonic Lodge, Moose Club, NAACP, Optimist Club, Pilot Club, Rotary Club, Sertoma Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars. In addition to these are numerous social, music, educational, professional and garden clubs.

Recreation

Year round, full-time recreation departments are provided by Carroll County, and the cities of Bowdon, Carrollton and Villa Rica. Part-time programs are offered in Temple and Mt. Zion. The other municipalities coordinate with the Carroll County Recreation Department or local schools.

Major Attractions Include:

John Tanner State Park has swimming, boating, picnicking, and camping facilities. Recent improvements include a one mile fitness trail around the lake.

McIntosh Reserve, the former home and burial site of Creek Indian Chief William McIntosh, is a 478-acre county operated passive-recreation park on the Chattahoochee River with fishing, picnicking and camping available. A recent addition includes a water-slide recreation area.

Lake Carroll in downtown Carrollton is a 175 - area lake offering boating and fishing for local residents.

Lake Buckhorn is a 350-acre watershed in northeast Carroll County that offers boating and fishing to local residents.

Oak Mountain Golf Course - 18 hole open to the public

The Plantation Golf Course - 18 hole open to the public

Bowdon Golf Course - par 3 public course

Susan Hayward Gravesite - Located six miles north of Carrollton off Georgia Highway 113.

Annual Events

Mayfest, Carrollton; Forth of July People's Parade, Carrollton; Goldrush Days, Villa Rica; Homecoming, Roopville; Arts and Crafts Festival, Whitesburg; Founder's Day, Bowdon.

Cultural Opportunities

Cultural events are regularly sponsored by the Cultural Art Center, State University of West Georgia, Neva Lomason Library, and Carroll Community Theater.

Nearby Commercial Attractions

Six Flags Over Georgia - 20 miles east on I-20.

Callaway Gardens - 55 miles south off I-85 near Pine Mountain, Georgia.

FDR's Little White House - approx. 60 miles south in Warm Springs, Georgia.

Turner Field - approx. 50 miles east in downtown Atlanta, host of Atlanta Braves
Georgia Dome - located in downtown Atlanta

Communications

Telephone, Telegraph and Cable

Bell South Telephone Company and Communication Services provide direct long distant dialing, custom calling services, and toll free calling into Atlanta.

Western Union Telegraph provides answering and paging services through a local office.

Cable television service available in most areas. Satellites available.

Telecommunications Infrastructure

First and foremost: Carroll County, Georgia is part of the largest local calling area in the world, which includes all of Atlanta, Georgia.

Bell South (the local Regional Bell Operating Company) offers the same services in Carroll County that it offers in the Metropolitan Atlanta area.

We have Fiber: Bell South has constructed multiple, redundant Sonet (self-healing rings) fiber networks in Carroll County, throughout the West Georgia region, and in the State of Georgia.

Other independent fiber networks are in place in Carroll County, or are being designed/constructed at this time.

Long Distance Telephone Services: Carroll County offers all of the long distance services that are offered in the Metropolitan Atlanta area.

Wireless Services: Carroll County is serviced by multiple wireless service providers (Cellular, PCS, etc.), and is home to a large, independent regional paging company.

Internet Services: Advanced Internet services are available in Carroll County and from Atlanta, Georgia. Carroll County based Internet Service Providers are recognized locally, regionally and nationally for their Internet infrastructure, E-Commerce solutions, Web Services and Access Services.

Carroll County Internet Service Providers offer the highest performance, lowest cost telephone-based dedicated Internet Access in the State of Georgia.

In Addition: Carroll County is home to an Internet-exchange carrier of presence.

WGTA: Carroll County actively pursues additional/new telecommunications and broadband initiatives through an alliance between government, business, education and independent citizens, the West Georgia Telecommunications Alliance.

Newspapers

Times Georgian, Carrollton - 13,300 circulation (daily)

Bowdon Bulletin, Bowdon - 2,400 circulation (weekly)

The Villa Rican, Villa Rica - 2,000 circulation (weekly)

The Carroll Star News, Carrollton - 10,000 circulation (weekly)

Community Connection, (weekly)

Villa Rica Voice, (monthly)

The Atlanta Journal and Constitution - Atlanta

USA Today

Postal Services

U.S. Post Offices available in:

Bowdon	30108
Carrollton	30112; 30116; 30117; 30119
Mt. Zion	30150
Roopville	30170
State Univ. of West GA	30118
Temple	30179
Villa Rica	30180
Whitesburg	30185

United Parcel Service maintains a local distribution center in Carrollton.

Local Radio

WBTR - FM - 92.1
WCKS- FM - Kiss 102.7
WLBB-AM-

Medical Care

Hospitals

Tanner Medical Center, a 202-bed Level II facility, is located in Carrollton and serves not only local residents but also those from the surrounding counties as well as Alabama. Tanner boasts a 80 - person medical staff representing all major special and the capability of treating all but the most exotic disorders.

The hospital has centers for treating addictive illnesses and providing community health education in First Aid; CPR, childbirth and diabetic training. The wellness program also offers cardiac rehabilitation, industrial health screening and a woman's center.

The Villa Rica branch of Tanner Medical, acquired in July, 1985, currently houses 53 beds and serves the northeastern part of the County.

Emergency Medical Service

Carroll County contracts with a private carrier for Ambulance service. It provides pre-hospital emergency care and transportation to area hospitals. The service operates four ambulances, each equipped with advanced life support systems, and is manned by 26 advanced emergency technicians. The service also operates a first-response jeep for special cases, including area recreational activities.

Public Health Program

Carroll County maintains a full-service health department that is state certified as a public facility with district resources available to it. The department is responsible for all areas of public health care including sanitation regulation and annual control. There are several practices ranging from general practitioner, specialists and dentists located through out Carroll County. The County has 4 nursing homes.

Government

The seven municipalities are each governed by a mayor and four council members. The City of Carrollton maintains a full-time city manager, city engineer and planning staff. The Cities of Bowdon, Temple and Villa Rica employ full-time city managers.

Carroll County is politically administered by a full-time Commissioner, who is chairman of a seven (7) member Commission.

Zoning

Carroll County and all seven municipalities have adopted Zoning Ordinances. The County, Bowdon, Carrollton, Mt. Zion and Villa Rica have Subdivision Regulations.

Public Services

Streets

The municipalities maintain local streets.

Carroll County maintains over 1,200 miles of road, approximately 800 miles of which are currently paved.

Wastewater Management

Four municipalities maintain disposal plants. All current industrial acreage is served by municipal treatment plants.

Garbage Collection

Most cities maintain garbage pick-up on weekly basis.

County dumpsters are placed in strategic locations across the county. The County contracts with a private service for collection and hauling to the county transfer station.

Police Protection

County

Sheriff's Department full-time. Located on Highway 27 Alt. 166 Bypass.

Cities

Bowdon	Full-time dept.
Carrollton	Full-time dept.
Mt. Zion	Full-time dept.
Roopville	Assisted by sheriff patrol
Temple	Full-time dept.
Villa Rica	Full-time dept.
Whitesburg	Full-time dept.

State

Georgia State Highway Patrol maintains headquarters located on U.S. 78 in Villa Rica.

Fire Protection

Carroll County maintains a full-time fire department with 11 stations throughout the county. County Fire Insurance Ratings range from 9 to 7. City rating range from 3 to 9. Most current industrial acreage is served by nearby municipal fire departments.

Water

The Tallapoosa River is the main water resource for the Carroll County area. With over 15 reservoirs, the county and several municipalities have been able to impound surface water for public use. Other areas rely on ground water supplies from domestic wells or smaller public well systems.

Carroll County and the seven municipalities have developed a county-wide water system. Plans are being made to construct a new county reservoir to further enhance future water supply capabilities.

Education

Carroll County offers a choice of educational opportunities. These include:

- 2 public school systems
- 4 private schools
- 1 technical school
- 1 public 4-year university

The following high schools serve Carroll County and its communities:

- Bowdon H.S.
- Carrollton H.S.
- Central H.S.
- Georgian School
- Mt. Zion H.S.
- Oak Mountain Academy
- Temple H.S.
- Villa Rica H.S.

Post-Secondary Schools:

- West Central Technical College
- State University of West Georgia

Public School Systems

Carroll County Board of Education
2001-2002

<u>Schools</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Bowdon Elementary	PK-5	715
Jonesville Middle	6-8	472
Bowdon High	9-12	428
Central Elementary	PK-5	838
Central Middle	6-8	977
Central High	9-12	1,137
Mt. Zion Elementary	PK-5	547
Mt. Zion High	6-12	427
Roopville Elementary	PK-5	366
Sandhill Elementary	PK-5	588
Sharps Creek Elementary	PK-5	644
Temple Elementary	PK-5	689
Temple Middle	6-8	381
Temple High	9-12	386
Villa Rica Primary	PK-2	588
Villa Elementary	3-5	571
Bay Springs Middle	6-8	1,000
Villa Rica High	9-12	1,043
Whitesburg Elementary	PK-5	415

Total Enrollment: 12,277
Total Employees: 1,800
Total Teachers: 814

Pupil-Teacher Ratio: 15:1
(2002) High School Graduates: 584
Cost per Pupil: \$5,511.00

Carrollton Board of Education
2001-2002

Carrollton Elementary	K-5	1,580
Carrollton Junior High	6-8	864
Carrollton High	9-12	1,044

Total Enrollment: 3,488
Total Teachers: 213
Pupil - Teacher Ratio: 16:1

(2002) High School Graduates: 209
Cost per Pupil: \$4,775.40

Private Schools

Carroll County has four private academic schools, Oak Mountain Academy, the Georgian School, Plantation Christian Academy and Blackstock Montessori School. Both Oak Mountain and the Georgian School provide a full curriculum in Grades K-12. Blackstock Montessori offers instruction beginning at age 3. There are several private or church - related preschools located throughout the county.

Colleges

Carrollton is the home of the State University of West Georgia, a unit of the University of Georgia System. This is a four-year, co-educational school, with an enrollment of approximately 8,700. West Georgia confers bachelor, masters and doctorate degrees.

Other nearby colleges

Columbus State University (Co-ed) Columbus (85 miles)
Berry College (co-ed) Rome (60 miles)
Floyd Junior College (Co-ed) Rome (60 miles)
Georgia State University (co-ed) Atlanta (50miles)
LaGrange State University (Co-ed) LaGrange (58 miles)
Georgia Institute of Technology (Co-ed) Atlanta (50 miles)

Vocational Schools

Carroll County has established a comprehensive vocational high school offering prevocational training to local high school students preparing to enter the workforce after graduation.

Carroll County is the location of West Central Technical College, which offers a wide range of occupational oriented courses including, but not limited to, auto mechanics, construction, clerical, computer programming, drafting, practical nursing, and textile technology. The Georgia Quick Start Program is also available at the school, providing specialized training programs for employees of new and expanding industry.

Transportation

Airlines

The nearest commercial air service available is Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport located approximately 51 miles east of Carrollton. Some 33 airlines provide international, national, regional and local passenger and commercial service with over 2,200 scheduled flights daily.

Carroll County possesses one public airport-the West Georgia Regional Airport. Completed in 1970, this airport is located 7 miles northeast of Carrollton near Mt. Zion city limits and U.S. 27. The airport has one 5,500 foot, lighted, asphalt runway, landing lights, beacon, tiedown facilities, hangers, power plant and airframe repair facilities, and FSS weather and flight instructions. The airport serves over 10,000 annual passenger and commercial flights.

Highways

Major thoroughfares include Interstate 20, U.S Highways 24, 78 and Georgia Highways 5, 16, 61, 100, 113, 166, 274 spur. Both U.S. 27 and Highway 61 are four-lane access from I-20 into Carrollton.

Motor Freight Lines

Available in Carroll County and surrounding counties:

Lambert Trucking	Consolidated Freightways
Pike Transfer	Roadway Trucking
Ryder Trucking	Yellow Freight Systems
Anderson Trucking Service	Jacket Carriers
Carolina Freight	Old Dominion Freight Lines
Georgia Highway Express	Roadway Express
Pilot Freight	American Freight Systems
M & W Trucking	

Rail Roads

Norfolk-Southern Railway System serves Carroll County with main line service.

Utilities

Electrical Power

The seven cities, as well as the unincorporated areas of Carroll County are served by Carroll EMC and Georgia Power.

Electric Power is provided in Carroll County by an integrated transmission system. In Carroll County this system consists of transmission voltages of 12 KV, 46 KV, 115 KV, 500 KV and 230 KV. Businesses with a connected load greater than 900 KV have the option to choose between Georgia Power and Carroll EMC for electric service.

Natural Gas

In 1998, Georgia deregulated its natural gas industry. Residents and businesses can now choose from different companies who market gas throughout the state. It is available in industrial quantities, both on a firm and an interruptible basis. The local supplier to the county is Atlanta Gas Light Co. Contact Atlanta Gas Light Company for a list of gas marketers that service this area. (770-994-1946 or 1-800-Gas-Line)

Fuel, Oil, and Propane - available through local distributors.

Natural Resources

Agriculture

Agriculture plays a vital role in Carroll County making up approximately 78% of the total land area. The dairy and livestock industry is still substantial. Carroll County has the state's largest Cattlemen's Association, largest Poultry Association, and second largest Cattlemen's Bureau Chapter. The world-famous agriculture cooperative, Gold Kist, was founded at Carrollton and still operates some of its largest hatchery and process facilities here.

Agriculture contributes \$40,000,000 annually to the county's economy.

The new Agriculture-Educational (Ag-Ed) Center of Carroll County provides a facility where those who are involved in agriculture can receive training, exhibit and market the stock and products. Users include 4-H, FFA, FHA, Cattlemen's Association, and other parties interested in agriculture.

Waterways

Little Tallapoosa River
Tallapoosa River

Chattahoochee River
Numerous small streams and tributaries

Population

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>2000</u>
County	71,422	76,564	87,268
Bowdon	1,981	2,094	1,959
Bremen (part)	13	13	-
Carrollton	16,029	17,143	19,843
Mt. Zion	738	843	1,275
Roopville	248	273	177
Temple	1,870	2,423	2,383
Villa Rica	6,464	7,710	4,134
Whitesburg	643	761	596
Unincorporated	43,436	45,304	56,901

Population Density - 504 square miles
174.9 persons per square mile
State rank - 29

Population by Race - White: 80.5%
Black: 16.3%
Hispanic: 2.6%
Other: .6%

Population by Age (1990) -

0-4 years	7.2%
5-17 years	19.4%
18-24 years	12.3%
25-44 years	29.6%
45-64 years	21.6%
65+ years	9.9%

Income

Per Capita Income (2000) - \$21,668
Median Household Income - (1999) \$38,799

Business Statistics

Total Bank Deposits (2001) - \$1, 061, 793
Total number of business establishments – 1,735
Retail Sales (2001) - \$778, 438,000

Housing

Total number of Households (2000) – 31,568
Average number of persons per household - 2.66
Total Housing Units (2000) – 34,067
Renter Occupied - 7,754

Educational Attainment

60% of all adults age 25+ have at least a high school diploma
12% of the population have college degrees

Sales Tax

There is currently a 7% sales tax in Carroll County.

Labor Supply

According to the Georgia State Employment Service, the Carroll County Labor Market Area includes Carroll, Haralson, Heard, Douglas, Coweta, Paulding Counties, and Cleburn and Randolph Counties, Alabama with a 1990 population of 306,211.

Labor Force

Industries in Carroll County can recruit their work force from a ten county area. A number of employee training programs are available, including JTPA and Georgia's own QUICK-START. The county is 97% non-union.

It is estimated that within the adjacent five county labor force area, approximately 7,500 individuals are available for work.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

Commuting Patterns

	Total Working Population 16+ yrs.,	Total working in County of Residence	Percent working in county of residence	Total Working out of county of residence	Percent working out of county of residence
Carroll	39,730	24,611	61.9%	15,119	38.1%
Coweta	43,506	20,735	47.7%	22,771	52.3%
Douglas	46,176	16,924	36.7%	29,252	63.3%
Fulton	385,442	265,870	69.0%	119,572	31.0%
Haralson	11,040	5,029	45.6%	6,011	54.4%
Heard	4,488	1,413	31.5%	3,075	68.5%
Paulding	40,830	10,094	24.7%	30,736	75.3%

Average time of Commute: 23 minutes

Average Weekly Wage (2001)

Carroll County	Agriculture	\$524.00
	Manufacturing	\$682.00
	Retail Trade	\$353.00
	Services	\$465.00
	Government	\$546.00

Source: Georgia Department of Industry, Trade & Tourism

Hourly manufacturing rates: starting/unskilled - \$8.02 skilled - \$10.90
average/unskilled - \$9.56 skilled - \$13.11

Average benefit package – 27%

Established Industrial Base

More than 100 manufacturers call Carroll County home, including six international firms. The economic base is extremely diversified with a wide variety of goods and services produced. These include wire and cable, automobile parts, dairy products, poultry, baked goods, hosiery, men's suits, metal pipe, wood furniture, textile cord, synthetic turf grass and irrigation systems. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs' recent survey of Carroll County's existing industries indicates that 95% of all companies rated the county as a favorable place in which to do business.

Industrial Support Services

Carroll County has the capabilities for electric motor repair, tool and die, fabricating, casting, finishing, forming and machining. There is a UPS terminal along with 16 trucking companies. The Georgia Department of Labor has its offices in Carrollton and several personnel assistance firms operate throughout the county. Georgia Tech's Industrial Extension Service has an office in Carroll County and provides business and engineering problem-solving assistance to local industries.

Industrial Sites

There are four developed industrial parks in the county, each having paved roads and all utilities in place. A number of privately owned sites also exist. Industrial land ranges in price from \$5,000 to \$25,000 per acre.

Operating Costs

It will generally cost less to operate a business in Carroll County than where you are presently located. This can be attributed to a combination of factors which include: a 100% freeport exemption on inventory, competitive utility and tax rates, an average unskilled wage of less than \$8 per hour and the availability of local contractors and suppliers which can mean substantial saving on construction costs.

Financial Resources

The county has the capability to arrange all types of industrial and commercial financing. Five local development authorities and eleven banks are available to assist prospective businesses.

International Business

Carroll County is the location for a variety of companies from all over the world. These include Canada, Japan, Finland, Germany, Belgium, and England. The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce is prepared to assist local industry in matters of an international nature such as letters of credit, certificate of origin, notary services and exporting resource information.

Small Business Assistance

The Chamber of Commerce provides a comprehensive program for small business in Carroll County. Start-up counseling, continuing education seminars, resource data, loan packaging, business planning and financial information are available. Other resource agencies include The State University of West Georgia's Small

Business Development Center, Continuing Education Department, local financial institutions and Georgia Tech's Industrial Division.

Workforce Improvement

Enhancing the quality of the Carroll County workforce is an on-going effort of the business community. Several programs and projects are in place to address this issue. They include the Literacy is for Today & Tomorrow (LIFT), Mentor Program and Drugs Don't Work Program. The "Freedom of Choice" video focuses on work ethics and post-secondary educational training & is a part of local high school curriculums. Other business-education partnerships are being planned & organized for the future.

West Central Technical College provides specialized training and coordinates the State's Quick start program.

The State University of West Georgia offers continuing education courses and can assist with specialized training programs such as the Intellectual Capital Partnership Program.

Incentives

\$3,000 per job tax credit (for 5 years)
100% Freeport exemption on all inventory
Site development assistance
Enterprise zone

Carroll County Major Employers

<u>Company</u>	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Product</u>
Carroll Co. Schools	1800	public education
Southwire	1600	wire & cable
Tanner Medical Center	1400	health systems
State Univ. of West Ga.	720	higher education
Gold Kist	700	poultry
City of Carrollton Schools	339	public education
Trintex	316	rubber products
Deco Star	300	auto parts
Fresh Advantage	300	vegetable processing
OFS Bright wave	300	fiber optic cable
Flowers Baking Co.	276	baked goods
Wal-mart.com	250	e-commerce fulfillment
Print Pack	216	plastic packaging
Maplehurst	200	baked goods
Sugar Foods	180	sugar substitutes
Arch Aluminum	150	door & window frames
West Central Tech. College	150	technical training
King Provision	145	food distribution
Bremen Bowdon/Lamar Mfg	140	clothing
Sony Music	135	distribution
Carroll EMC	120	utility
Greenway Corporation	105	medical software
IKKA Technology	100	plastic components
Janus International	100	roll-up metal doors

Top 10 Employers in Carroll County

Carroll County Schools	1800
Southwire (wire & cable)	1600
Tanner Medical Center	1400
State University of West Georgia	720
Gold Kist Poultry (chicken processing)	700
City of Carrollton Schools System	339
Trintex Corporation (semi-pneumatic tire)	316
Fresh Advantage (vegetable processing)	300
OFS Brightwave (fiber optic cable)	300
Flowers Baking Co. (baked goods)	275

Carroll County's Manufacturing and Industrial Support Service Employers

Agribusiness International Irrigation Systems
 AF USA -- Distribution/Sales Compressed Air Equipment
 Albright Machine & Grading, Inc. – Precision roll grinding
 Allied Ready Mix – Concrete Block
 Americal Corporation/PEDS Division - Hosiery
 Arch Aluminum & Glass -- Doors & Windows
 Ardvark – Safety flooring for playground equipment
 Avanti Motor Corporation - automobiles
 Blow Knox -- Asphalt Products
 Blue Water, LTD -- Synthetic Rope
 Bohannon Textiles, Inc – Braided products, cords & twisted rope
 Bowdon Manufacturing -- Tailored Clothing
 Bremen-Bowdon Investment Company --Men's Clothing
 CC Reprocessing – Recycled plastic
 Camp Cap Company -- Sports/Baseball Caps
 Carroll Mills -- Braids, Yarn, Tubing
 Champ's Steel – Structure steel, medal fabrications
 Custom Fabrics & Forming -- Playground Equipment Components
 Decostar - Autoparts
 Die-Tech Industries – Tools, dies & special machines
 Dixie Converting -- Paper Converting
 Dyno Southeast – distribution of explosives
 Fang Chemicals – distribution of industrial chemicals
 Fashion Star, Inc. -- Women's Career Apparel
 Flowers Baking Company -- Bakery Products
 Fresh Advantage – Distribution pre-package salad
 Fulton Supply Co. – Distribution of industrial products
 GMT International Corporation -- Vibration Control Devices
 Gold Kist Poultry -- Dressed Poultry
 Gunn Metal Fabrications – Heating & air conditioning duct work
 Hearn Monument Company – Granite & Marble Monuments
 Holcombe Armature – Electrical Components for the automobile industry
 Hollingsworth Concrete Products – Ready mix concrete
 Holox LTD – Liquid Oxygen
 Honey Baked Ham Co. -- Hams & Food Products
 Houghton International, Inc. – Chemical products
 IKKA Technology – Custom molding for small plastic parts
 Industrial Tool Fabrications – Machine Shop
 Janus International – roll-up doors
 K & K Machines – Amusement Park parts for rides
 Key Tech – Liquid adhesive for shipping
 King Denmon – Tooling & equipment
 King provision – Distribution Center for Burger King
 Lafitte Mop Company – MopsK
 Lamar Manufacturing Company -- Suits
 Leggett & Platt Textile Products Division -- Textile Waste
 Leuco Henderson -- Tool Sharpening
 Lewis Fire Protection –Design, fabrication & install fire sprinkler systems
 Lintech – Aluminum finishers
 Maplehurst, Inc. -- Bakery Products

MaryAnn Industries -- Carpets, Turf
 McNealus Manufacturing -- Concrete Mixers
 M & W Trucking -- Motor Freight Transportation
 Master Cartridge Corp. -- small arms ammunition
 Mayfield Dairies -- Milk & Dairy Products
 Montco, Inc. -- Slit pressure sensitive label material
 Multi-Line Industries -- Clothing Distribution
 OFS Brightwave -- fiber optic
 Ozier Products -- custom embroidered apparel
 Phoenix Manufacturing -- wood products
 Playland International -- Commercial playgrounds
 Precision Roll Grinders -- Industrial Grinding Services
 Print Fabrics -- Fabrics Finishing, Printing
 Printed Specialties -- Printed packaging
 Print Pack, Inc. -- Packaging Materials
 Production CNC -- Production Machine Shop
 Quality Built Trusses -- Builds trusses
 Raven Wire & Cable -- Copper & tinned copper wire
 Richards Homes -- Lumber
 S.M.I. Fabric Printers -- Drapery fabrics & wall covering printing
 Saber Diamond Tools -- Tool Sharpeners
 Saddle Creek Corp. -- Warehouse/Distribution
 Sewell Manufacturing Company -- Men's Suits
 A. Silvey Enterprises -- Electric Power Substations
 Sony Music- distribution
 Southeastern Natural Energies -- Restaurant specialist in products produced by nature
 Southern Furniture Manufacturing -- Kitchen Dinettes
 Southwire Company -- Rod, Wire, Cable
 Steed Company -- identification labels for textiles & apparel industry
 Sugar Foods -- artificial sweeteners
 Superior International -- Playground Equipment Components
 Stylecrest Products -- Manufacturers housing parts
 Tandem Technologies International -- Chemical -- janitorial, industrial and personal care
 Trent Tube -- Steel Pipe, Tube
 Trintex Corporation -- Plastic Products
 United Rubber -- Automobile engine mounting
 Villa Rica Knitters -- knit watch caps, booties and ski masks
 Vulcan Materials Company -- Crushed Stone
 Wal-Mart.com -- E-Commerce Fullfillment
 Walker Meats -- Meat Processing
 West Georgia Tool & Die -- Metal parts, welding & general repair work
 Wood Pallet Company -- Pallets

CARROLL COUNTY UTILITIES

Electricity

Carroll EMC

Gary Bullock
155 Temple Road
Carrollton, GA 30117
(770) 832-3552

Georgia Power Company

Gerald Monroe
201 Bankhead Avenue
Carrollton, GA 30117
(770) 832-6336

Gas

Contact the Georgia Public Service Commission for a list of gas companies that serve this area. (404) 656-4501

Telephone

Bell South

Pete Meadows
485 Oakplace Room 335
Atlanta, GA 30349
(404) 761-4129

Communication Services

Gary Middlebrooks
105 Park Place Way
Carrollton, GA 30117
(770) 834-2453

Water

Carroll County Water Authority

Jim Baxley
1737 Bankhead Highway
Carrollton, GA 30117
(770) 834-6667

Water & Sewer Information

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Phone</u>
City of Carrollton 315 Bradley Street Carrollton, GA 30117	830-2003 (Water Plant) 830-2000 (City Hall)
City of Bowdon 136 City Hall Avenue Bowdon, GA 30108	258-8985 (Water Plant) 258-8980 (City Hall)
City of Villa Rica 561 W. Bankhead Highway Villa Rica, GA 30180	459-7014 (Water Plant) 459-3656 (City Hall)
City of Temple Johnson Street Temple, GA 30179	562-3369 (City Hall)
City of Whitesburg Highway 16 Whitesburg, GA 30185	832-1184 (City Hall)
City of Mt. Zion 4455 Mt. Zion Rd. Mt. Zion, GA 30150	832-1622 (City Hall)

Carroll County Incentives

State

1. Quick Start Training assistance thru West Central Technical College
2. Applicant screening thru the local Georgia Dept. of Labor Office
3. One stop environmental permitting
4. Job Tax Credit - \$1000 per full-time job (25 job minimum) for five years
5. Investment Tax Credit - for existing companies operating in Ga. for at least three years. 1% of total project investment (\$5 million min.)
6. Retraining Tax Credit
7. Child Care Credit
8. Machinery Sales Tax Exemption
9. Primary Material Handling Sales Tax Exemption

There is also a state electricity exemption which can be explained for Carroll County by our local electric utilities.

Local

1. 100% freeport on all inventory
2. Assistance with site preparation
3. Extension of water and sewer lines to project site
4. Road improvement
5. Industrial Revenue Bond financing

Other incentives, such as graduated tax payments or tax credits **may** be offered to both new and expanding industry by a particular local government. Each project will be reviewed in terms of its economic value and impact. Number of jobs, capital investment and wages will be evaluated.

Note - The full amount of school taxes must always be paid. They are excluded from any discussion regarding incentives.

Business Development Resources

Small Business Development Center
Bill Deegan (770) 838-3082

West Central Technical College
Phil Carter (770) 836-6771

Georgia Institute of Technology
Harris Johnson (770) 836-6665

State University of West Georgia
Jim Agan (770) 836-6610

Georgia Department of Labor
Harold Durrah (770) 836-6668

Carroll County Chamber of Commerce
Ken O'Neill (770) 832-2446

Carroll Tomorrow
Slater Barr (770) 832- 9272

CARROLL COUNTY

LABOR MARKET POPULATION

<u>County</u>	<u>Population</u>
Carroll	81,402
Haralson	24,154
Heard	9,969
Coweta	80,658
Douglas	86,653
Paulding	68,962
Polk	36,800
Fulton	722,520
Cleburne, Ala	13,445
Randolph, Ala	20,073
Total	<hr/> 1,144,636

CARROLL COUNTY

1998 LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

Employed	41,682
Unemployed	1,960
Avg. Unemployment Rate	4.5%

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